

October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Iceland - Saturday 11 July to Wednesday 15 July 2026

The Geography and Science Departments are delighted to be able to offer 35 Year 12 and 13 students studying Geography and Chemistry the opportunity to visit the incredible island of Iceland from Saturday 11 July 2026 to Wednesday 15 July 2026.

Students will have the unique opportunity to explore glaciers, geysers, waterfalls, and volcanic landscapes, gaining first-hand experience of Iceland's extraordinary environment. This trip promises not only adventure and learning outside the classroom, but also the chance to develop independence, teamwork, and curiosity about the world. Some of the excursions included within the trip are experiencing Iceland's geothermal pools, Golden Circle tour of the famous Thingvellir, Gullfoss Waterfall and much more, a tour of southern Iceland including visiting Vik and Jokulsarlon, the ice lagoon.

The overall cost of the trip includes all transfers, flights, accommodation and food while visiting Iceland. The exact itinerary of the trip will be shared closer to the trip at a parent meeting, as this may alter due to costs once we have final numbers attending. Visiting and eating in Iceland is incredibly expensive, which is reflected in the cost of the trip below. We will endeavour to ensure students have the best experience for this cost and we are working closely with Discover the World to enable this.

The total maximum cost of this trip is £2050. This is based upon a minimum number of students attending and current planned excursions/flight costs. Should the number of students be higher or the itinerary is altered the price may reduce. Please also be aware, however, that should the trip not gain the minimum number of students then we may need to cancel. Payment for this trip must be made using the MyChildAtSchool App and the trip will be available **from 8.00am on Wednesday 22 October 2025**. If the trip is oversubscribed, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please ensure that we have your up-to-date emergency contact details and any relevant medical information for your child, as this information is taken from our school database. Payments are non-refundable. Should your child withdraw from the trip, we are only able to offer a refund if their place can be filled by another student. The deadline for payment of the deposit is Wednesday 22 October 2025.

The payment schedule for the deposit and remaining balance is as follows:

Date Due by:	Amount	Total
Wednesday 22 October 2025	£350	
Friday 12 December 2025	£350	
Friday 30 January 2026	£350	
Thursday 12 February 2026	£350	
Friday 27 March 2026	£300	
Friday 24 April 2026	£350	
Total		£2050

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The Visit will be covered by the Academy Insurance Policy. Please be aware that:

- Except for visits abroad, insurance arrangements are the same as those for students in the Academy, i.e. only provides cover if negligence is proven or accepted by the Academy and/or its employees.
- You should consider making your own insurance arrangements for personal accident cover for your son/daughter for Academy activities in the UK.
- As parent/carer you have fully understood and are satisfied with the details supplied about the abovementioned activities. You agree to your son/daughter taking part in it, and know of no medical reason why he/she should not participate.

As with all Academy trips, students will be expected to uphold the reputation of the Academy and, therefore, exceptional behaviour is expected at all times throughout the trip and in the lead up to the trip. All enrichment activities have a short meeting prior to the date of travel. The date and time of the meeting is circulated via tutors and Bromcom. It is essential all students attend these. If you have any queries about the trip please do not hesitate to contact the Academy on 01934 742608 or office@kowessex.co.uk

Yours sincerely

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